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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AMGT ASIG ASUP
SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE WITH INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: STATE 149752

1. WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE MEMORANDUM OF INSPECTION EXIT INTERVIEW AND THE ADVANCE COPY OF THE INSPECTION REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS WITH LAOS AND THE ACCOMPANYING INSPECTION MEMORANDA. WE HAD INTENDED TO AWAIT RECEIPT OF THE FINAL REPORT BEFORE MAKING OUR RESPONSE ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, RECEIPT OF REFTEL ON OFFICIAL VEHICLE COMPLEMENT RAISES POSSIBILITY OF OUR DRIFTING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE WE HAVE RECEIVED ANY CLEAR INDICATION OF WHAT SORT OF OPERATION DEPARTMENT WILL REQUIRE US TO MAINTAIN FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

2. ONCE WE BEGIN COMPLYING WITH SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS WE WILL BE LIQUIDATING POST ASSETS, REPLACEMENT OF WHICH WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT UNDER EXISTING AND ANTICIPATED CONDITIONS HERE.

3. WE WILL ALSO BE COMMUNICATING TO LPDR "SIGNALS"
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THAT WE ATTACH DIMINISHING IMPORTANCE TO BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. WE THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE US A GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT, IF ANY, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS MAY BE LEVIED ON THIS POST IF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED WITH VIETNAM. IT

WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD INDICATE
WHAT IT EXPECTS OUR GENERAL ROLE WILL BE IN REGARD TO
BILATERAL U.S./LAO RELATIONS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

5. WE ARE PREPARING A FAIRLY LENGTHY TELEGRAM OUTLIN-
ING OUR RESPONSE TO THE INSPECTION REPORT AND
DESCRIBING PARTICULAR POINTS ON WHICH DEPARTMENT'S
GUIDANCE WOULD BE USEFUL BEFORE WE GO AHEAD WITH THE
ACTUAL AND OBVIOUS CONTRACTION OF OUR ESTABLISHMENT.
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